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Christmas Remembrance at Ky. Veterans Cemeteries In Wreaths Across America

Ceremony Brings the Spirit of Christmas to Remembering the Fallen

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 11, 2013) Kentucky's four state veterans cemeteries will participate in the national Wreaths Across America ceremony Saturday, Dec. 14. Members of the public are invited to join in a national ceremony that shows holiday gratitude for the past, current, and future sacrifices by our veterans and their families for our nation.

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that began more than 19 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company started placing wreaths on the headstones of fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Today, the tradition continues as the Civil Air Patrol, the Patriot Guard Riders and other civic organizations place wreaths during a special observance at state and national cemeteries, and at veterans' monuments nationwide.

Thanks to donations from civic and veterans organizations and local businesses and individuals, every headstone and each columbarium section at all four Kentucky state veterans cemeteries will receive a wreath with ceremonies at the following times Saturday:

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) in Hopkinsville will hold its Wreaths Across America Ceremony at 11 a.m. Central time. There will be a memorial service with a guest speaker, then all present may help place wreaths on veterans' graves. Family members who wish to place wreaths on loved ones' graves may do so at 10:30 a.m., before the service.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) in Radcliff will hold its Wreaths Across America Ceremony at 10 a.m. Eastern time.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown will hold its Wreaths Across America Ceremony at noon Eastern time. Lorene Friedman, president of Northern Kentucky Blue Star Mothers No. 5 will be the speaker.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Greenup County will hold its Wreaths Across America Ceremony at 10 a.m. Eastern time.

To read more about the Wreaths Across America program visit the web site <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>.

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